

## **Small Group Discussion Questions**

### **Calhoun County**

**What is occurring in your community which addresses these responsibilities and areas for action?**

- ABC reinstatement
- Summer arts program
- District and school leadership
- Local input and ties to Calhoun
- Best museum in SC-works with students

**What are the critical barriers to fulfilling the commitment in your community?**

- High standards
- Need more time for some students
- Parent gap
- Catch-22
- Standards overwhelm other school activities
- Talented students not exposed to enough-end up unaware of what it takes to compete
- Not enough extra-curricular activities (school or home)
- NO community recreation
- NO minor sports
- Transportation
- Healthcare
- Parents don't talk to children
- Low level of parent participation because of work hours
- Poor students in the middle not encouraged or pushed
- Children raising children
- Discipline
- Not knowing how to behave in polite society

**List the 5 most important things your community can do to address the responsibilities of Common Ground.**

- Reading
- Tie the county together
- Counter stereotypes
- Reinforce stability
- Work with Big Brother/Sisters mentors
- Build trust

**List the 5 most important things you as an individual can do to address the responsibilities of Common Ground.**